



**Patapsco Valley
State Park
Morgan Run NEA
2015 - 2016
HUNTING PROGRAM**



2015-2016 Season

Welcome Patapsco Valley and Morgan Run Hunters,

I would like to welcome you to another season of hunting Morgan Run and Patapsco Valley State Park. The hunting program is the result of lots of hard work on the part of the Patapsco Staff, DNR Wildlife and concerned citizens from the area. Our hunting program is in place primarily to control deer populations in these areas. While we do not require you to take an antlerless deer first, we do ask that you do not pass up the opportunity. This hunting program is dependant on your ability to obey the regulations and procedures, and respect the property of adjacent landowners. Your cooperation and adherence to the rules will help keep this hunting program available.

2015-2016 Hunting Requirements

- You must purchase a Managed Hunt Permit from any hunting license dealer. This Managed Hunt Permit is valid for all public lands in the state. In addition to the Managed Hunt Permit you will also be required to register for a FREE Patapsco Valley State Park Annual Parking Permit in order to hunt at Patapsco Valley, Morgan Run.
- There will be no requirement to take an antlerless deer prior to taking an antlered deer. Follow bag limit guidelines in the 2015-2016 *Guide to Hunting and Trapping*. Our harvest numbers have not changed significantly due to this change; however we remind you that taking antlerless deer should be a priority – please don't pass up the opportunity.
- You are required to sign in and sign out on the logs at the designated parking lots for each area. The number of hunters is limited to the indicated number on the sign-in form; this will be important like last year. Hunters will be allowed to backfill spaces for hunters who have signed out for the day. Areas will allow a maximum number of hunters at any given time, rather than for the day. If you are hunting in the morning and returning in the evening do not sign out for the day – this will maintain your spot. However if you are done hunting for the day – please do sign out so other hunters may backfill your slot. **You may only sign yourself in and out using your permit number.** Hunters signing multiple people in, who may or may not be on site, will not only receive a notice of violation of program guidelines, but will jeopardize the hunting program at Patapsco.
- For the seventh year we will be conducting a managed shotgun hunt at Soldiers Delight on January 21 & 22, 2015. **The area will be closed to bow hunting these days.** Those wishing to participate in this hunt should follow the directions in the *Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland* (Pages 50-53) in regard to applying for participation (lottery).

- It is the permit holder's responsibility to be familiar with and follow all of the rules and procedures of this program and the hunting laws of the State of Maryland. Violations of the program rules or hunting laws will result in your permit being revoked and/or citations. During the 2014-2015 season we revoked permits and sent out warning notices for failing to follow the program guidelines. We give two warnings for failing to follow program guidelines, on your third failure to follow the rules you will receive a letter revoking your permission to hunt in Patapsco and/or Morgan Run. (This is separate from violations and citations issued by Natural Resources Police.)
- Hunters with mobility impairments must obtain a Universal Disability Pass if they wish to hunt from a vehicle in designated areas. Applications are available from DNR's website at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/accessforall/accesshunt.asp> A physician must certify your permit application.

Our goal is to provide a safe, quality hunting opportunity for now and in the future. The program's future relies heavily on your adherence to game laws and program guidelines, your utmost consideration and **respect for your fellow hunters**, adjacent land owners and other park users, and your constant vigilance in the areas of safety and competence.

You will notice that there is no mention of the bow-hunting opportunities at Soldiers Delight NEA. DNR Wildlife and Heritage will be taking over the management of hunting in those areas. Hunters interested in hunting Soldiers Delight NEA will need to obtain that permit through the Gwynnbrook WMA office. Their contact information is located on page 6 of the Maryland Guide to Hunting & Trapping.

To better manage our deer populations in some areas (Morgan Run NEA) we allow muzzleloader season. In addition to the muzzleloader areas of Ben Rose Lane and Old Washington Road, we will have added Area 11 Mercer property into the muzzleloader season. The dates available for hunting in those areas are located in the muzzleloader section below.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and I hope you have a safe and successful hunting season at Patapsco Valley State Park and Morgan Run NEA.

Ranger Rob Dyke
Park Manager

HUNTING PERMIT #
2015-2016 PATAPSCO VALLEY STATE PARK

☐ **Regular Permit** ☐ **Handicap Permit** ☐ **Vehicle Permit**
☐ **Bow Hunting ONLY** ☐ **Muzzleloader ONLY** ☐ **Both**

SAMPLE

Name _____

Vehicle Tag # _____ State _____

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For: Park Headquarters 410-461-5005
 Natural Resource Police 410-356-7060 or 1-800-825-7275

*Place this permit **FACE UP** on dash of vehicle only if scouting or hunting*

**Rules for Bow Hunting in
Patapsco Valley State Park, 2015-2016**

Reservations

1. Hunting is permitted only on a sign-in and sign-out basis at the designated parking areas. Pay close attention to the **MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE** hunters at any given time.
2. You are required to sign in and sign out on the logs at the designated parking lots for each area. The number of hunters is limited to the indicated number on the sign in form and the posted maximum hunters for the area.
3. Hunters may sign themselves in **ONLY**. Hunters have been signing in people who were not on site, which is not fair to other hunters already on site.
4. Hunters are reminded that they may not sign-in until 2 hours prior to sunrise. Hunters are reminded that signing in early will result in revocation of their permit to hunt Patapsco Valley and Morgan Run. Be fair to your fellow hunters – first-come, first-served means you sign in when you arrive in the area to hunt.

Parking

1. See attached maps for designated parking areas. In Hollofield campground please park in designated campsites only. Disabled hunters should contact the park for parking instructions for Hollofield campground and Pickall Areas.
2. Your permit must be displayed on the dashboard and be visible from outside the vehicle.
3. Hunter parking areas open 2 hours before sunrise and close 2 hours after sunset. Sunrise and sunset times can be found on page 57 of your 2015-2016 *Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland*.

Hunting

1. A permit is required to hunt if walking in rather than parking this permit must be carried on your person.
2. You may enter the area one hour before shooting time to set up. Legal shooting time begins one half hour before sunrise.
3. **Hunter parking areas close one and a half hours after legal shooting time ends.** Legal shooting time ends one half hour after sunset.
4. You are responsible for familiarizing yourself with the hunting area boundary lines, safety zones, and established trails throughout the hunting areas.
5. Portable tree stands and steps are permitted, but cannot be screwed or nailed into trees. All stands must be removed at the end of each day. The use of tree stands (and associated safety equipment) is recommended at all times, especially when hunting near established trails.
6. You must contact the Natural Resource Police (410-260-8888) before tracking a wounded deer off of State Park property and onto private property, or to be in the park after allowed hunting hours for any reason.
7. All harvested deer must be tagged before being moved. Do not field dress deer near trails, parking lots or any areas used by other park visitors.
8. All harvested deer must be checked in within 24 hours, as required.
9. We have removed the requirement to call Patapsco with your harvest information. It is very important that you accurately fill out harvest information on our sign-in and sign-out sheets in each area. Please indicate the **number** of antlerless or antlered deer taken – do not place dashes or check marks in these blocks. This is how we track harvest information, so please be accurate.

General

1. All State and Federal hunting laws, as well as park regulations, will be strictly enforced.
2. Maryland State Parks are “Trash Free.” All trash must be packed out.
3. **VIOLATING THE RULES OF THIS PROGRAM MAY RESULT IN CITATIONS AND/OR THE LOSS OF YOUR PERMIT TO HUNT PATAPSCO AND MORGAN RUN.**
4. The future of this hunting program depends on **you**. Please exercise caution and conduct yourself in an ethical, sportsmanlike manner when in the field.

Miscellaneous

1. Maps depicting hunting area boundaries are provided for your reference only. Observe posted hunting area boundary signs. All acreage figures are approximate.
2. **All hunters MUST** wear the required type and amount of fluorescent orange clothing during the deer firearms season (including Youth Hunt Day) and deer muzzleloader seasons. Bow hunters in the Patapsco Valley and Morgan Run hunting areas are **NOT** exempt from this legal requirement.
3. Scouting is permitted from sunrise to sunset only. No weapons are to be carried while scouting. In order to avoid interfering with fellow sportsmen, Sunday scouting is recommended. Hunting is not permitted on Sundays. Please display your parking permit on the dash of your vehicle when in the area scouting. Hunter Parking areas are open for scouting beginning September 1, 2015, except as noted below.
4. Do not remove, cut, destroy, prune or deface any vegetation. Do not cut shooting lanes.

5. In Area 5 (Marriottsville Rd.) hunting will occur only in the wooded portions of this area, due to crop leases on the open fields. The open fields may be traveled through **AFTER** crops have been harvested. Hunters may not hunt the open fields. Please remove any stray arrows that end up in the fields, to avoid damage to agricultural equipment operated in those fields. Please follow the signs in the area.

Bow hunting Permits

1. A VALID Managed Hunt Permit is required. In addition, a **FREE PATAPSCO VALLEY BOW HUNTING PERMIT** is required for bow hunting in Patapsco Valley State Park, and Morgan Run NEA.
2. Patapsco Valley Annual Bow Hunting Parking Permits are available through Patapsco Valley State Park Headquarters, Monday through Friday, **8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**, or by mail. Beginning August 31, 2015
3. The following information is needed when applying for your Annual Bow Hunting Permit:
 - Copy of Signed Hunting License and all applicable stamps
 - Copy of Managed Hunt Permit
 - Vehicle Tag Numbers
 - Email Address (Primary means of communication with hunters during the season.)
 - Home or Cell phone # to be used for emergency contact

Muzzleloader Hunting

1. All of the above rules apply to muzzleloader hunting at Morgan Run Natural Environment Area.
2. Muzzleloader deer hunting is permitted Monday through Saturday in the Old Washington Road (Area 9), Mercer Property (Area 11), and Ben Rose Lane (Area 10) hunting areas on the following dates: Youth Hunt Day (**Nov. 14, 2015**), the statewide firearms deer season (**Nov. 28 – Dec. 12, 2015**) and the statewide regular (late) muzzleloader deer season (**Dec. 19, 2015 – Jan. 2, 2016**)
3. A VALID managed hunt permit is required. In addition, a **FREE PATAPSCO VALLEY ANNUAL BOW HUNTING PARKING PERMIT** is required for muzzleloader hunting at Morgan Run Natural Environment Area.
4. On the Youth Hunt Day (**Nov. 14, 2015**), permits are free for youths age 16 and under, and areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hunting Areas

<u>Area #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u># of Hunters</u>	<u>Scouting Starts</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Area 1	Raincliffe Road	350					Mon.-Sat.
	<i>M.E.S. Lot</i> N 39.369172 W76.960303		4	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	
	<i>Lot at Rt 32</i> N39.369335 W76.952420		6	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	
Area 2	Gorsuch Switch Rd	350					Mon.-Sat.
	<i>Gorsuch Switch Lot</i> N39.362810 W76.939992		5	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	
	<i>Henryton Lot</i> N39.360168 W76.923300		10	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	
Area 3	Henryton Road N39.355350 W76.912680	120	6	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	Mon.-Sat
Area 4	River Road N39.350840 W76.945727	450	20	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	Mon.-Sat
Area 5	Marriottsville Road N39.351712 W76.898847	400	12	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	Mon.-Sat
Area 6	Driver Road N39.341018 W76.892455	600	22	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	Mon.-Sat
Area 7	Hollofield South N39.290857 W76.788478	100	10	11/3/2015	11/3/2015	1/30/2016	See Special Information below **

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Area 8	Hollofield North N39.295477 W76.786040	275	10	11/3/2015	11/3/2015	1/30/2016	See Special Information below **
Area 9	Old Washington Rd N39.480363 W77.003828	100	2	10/24/2015	10/26/2015	1/30/2016	See Special Information below
Area 10	Ben Rose Lane N39.466070 W77.007565	325	14	10/24/2015	10/26/2015	1/30/2016	See Special Information below
Area 11	Mercer Property N39.359962 W77.007565	150	8	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	See Special Information below
Area 12	Pickall N39.305883 W76.786700	300	10	10/9/2015	10/12/2015	1/30/2016	See Special Information below
Area 13	Mears Property	120	8	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	See Special Information below
Area 14	College Avenue	115	10	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	See Special Information below
Area 15	Hilltop Road	140	10	9/1/2015	9/11/2015	1/30/2016	See Special Information below

1. The Hollofield South and North (Areas 7 and 8) -Access to the Hollofield area is through a locked gate, which is open from 9:00 a.m. to sunset. Parking for Area 7 is in campsites **400 to 406 ONLY**. Parking for Area 8 is in the Park Headquarters lot.
2. The Old Washington Road (Area 9) and Ben Rose Lane (Area 10) hunting areas are open to bow-hunting from October 26, 2015 through January 30, 2016, **Wednesday through Saturday**, except for the muzzleloader season dates listed in the muzzleloader hunting section of this guide.

3. The Mercer Property (Area 11) hunting area is open to bow from September 11, 2015 through January 30, 2016 except for the muzzleloader season dates listed in the muzzleloader hunting section of this guide.
4. ****Access to areas #7, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15 is through a locked gate. If you unlock the gate to enter or leave the area, please be sure it is locked behind you. If you enter any of these areas and the gate is open, please lock it behind you.**

Area Combinations

Area #7 & 8 Hollofield 5010	Area #12 Pickall 5010
Area #13 Mears 5010	Area #14 College Ave 5010
Area #15 Hilltop Rd. 5010	

To ensure the continuing of this program we ask that you notify the park of any infractions you witness of **our** guidelines by any hunter.

Park Headquarters (410-461-5005) Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please report all violations of game laws or these hunting rules to Natural Resource Police as soon as possible by calling:

Gwynnbrook Office (410-356-7060) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
DNR Communications Center (1-800-825-PARK) 24 hours a day

Do not attempt to approach or apprehend violators. Note identifying information such as physical description, vehicle description, vehicle tag number, time of violation, exact location, etc. and relay this information to DNR staff.

Finally, always remember the number one rule for a successful hunt - SAFETY.



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